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By the King.

¶ A Proclamation ſignifying his Maieſties pleaſure, That all men being in Office of gouernment, at the deceaſe of his moſt deare, and moſt royall Father King *Iames*, ſhall ſo continue, till his Maieſties further direction.

FOraſmuch as it hath pleaſed Almighty God, lately to call vnto his infinite mercy, the moſt High and Mighty Prince, King Iames, of moſt bleſſed memory, the Kings maieſties moſt deare and entirely beloued Father, by Whoſe deceaſe, the authority and power of the moſt part of the offices and places of Juriſdiction, and gouernment Within this Realme, and in the Realme of Ireland, did ceaſe and faile, the Soueraigne perſon failing, from whom the ſame were derined, And thereupon, through doubtfulneſſe, or want of authority, in ſuch perſons, as were inueſted in the ſaid offices and places, the ſetled and ordinary courſe of Juſtice, and of the affaires of State, (if remedy bee not prouided) might receiue diſturbance, and preiudice, by diſcontinuance, and interruption; The Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie, in his Princely Wiſedome, and care of the State, (reſeruing to his owne iudgement hereafter, the reformation and redreſſe of any abuſes in miſgouernment, vpon due knowledge and examination thereof,) is pleaſed, and hath ſo expreſly ſignified, that all perſons that at the time of the deceaſe of the late King, his dearely beloued Father, were duely and lawfully poſſeſſed of, or inueſted in any office, or place of authority, or gouernement, either Ciuell, or Martiall, within this Realme of England, or in the Realme of Ireland, or in any other his Maieſties Dominions belonging thereunto; And namely, all Preſidents, Lieuetenants, Vicepreſidents, Judges, Juſtices, Sheriffes, deputy Lieuetenants, Commiſſioners of Muſters, Juſtices of peace, and all others in place of gouernment, either meaner, or ſuperior, as aforeſaid; And all other officers and miniſters, Whoſe intereſts and eſtates in their offices are determined, or ceaſed by the meanes afore mentioned, ſhall be, and ſhall hold themſelues continued in the ſaid places and offices, as formerly they held and enioyed the ſame, vntill his Maieſties pleaſure be further knowen.

And that in the meane While, for the preseruation of the peace, and necessary proceedings in matters of iustice, and for the safety and seruice of the State, all the said persons, of whatsoeuer degree or condition, may not faile, euery one seuerally, according to his place, office, or charge, to proceede in the performance and execution of all duties thereunto belonging, as formerly appertained vnto them, and euery of them, While the late Kings Maiestie was liuing.

And further, His Maiestie doth hereby Will and command all and singuler His Highnesse Subiects, of What estate, dignitie or degree, they, or any of them be, to be ayding, helping, assisting, and at the commandement of the said officers and ministers, in the performance, and execution of the said offices and places, as they, and euery of them, tender his Maiesties pleasure, and Will answere for the contrary, at their vttermost perils.

And further, His Maiesties Will, and pleasure, and expresse commandement is, That all orders and directions made, or giuen by the Lords of the Priuie Counsell of the late King, in his life time, shall be obeyed, and performed by all, and euery person and persons, and all, and euery thing, and things to be done thereupon, shall proceede as fully and amply, as the same should haue beene obeyed or done, in the life of the said late King, his Maiesties most deare and entirely beloued Father.

Giuen at His Maiesties Court at S. Iames, the eight and twentieth day of March, in the first yeere of His Maiesties Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.

God saue the King.

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